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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMURA-2B

In re Application of:

Haruki OKAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/050,249

Filed: March 30, 1998

For: IFN- γ PRODUCTION INDUCING
PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODY...

) Art Unit: 1646

) Examiner: FITZGERALD, D.

) Washington, D.C.

) June 18, 1999

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

6th SPA (56, 59-88) 53-55
Please cancel claims 30-40,

without prejudice to filing a divisional application thereon.

~~Please cancel claims 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 35, 41, 43, 45-47, 49-52, and 57-58 without prejudice and add new claims 59-88 in place thereof as follows:~~

--59. A monoclonal antibody which specifically recognizes a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a murine interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing factor (IGIF) protein,

wherein said IGIF protein is obtainable from mouse

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